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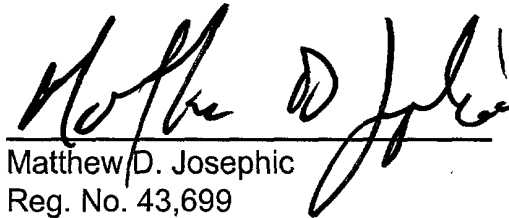
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- One copy of Notice of Incomplete Reply of Non-Provisional Application
- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84
- Return Postcard plus postage

Applicant is a small entity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number **50-1513**. This Response is believed to be timely. However, if any extension of time is necessary, please consider this a request therefor.

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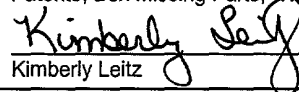
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 10/15/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 08/10/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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